Software Underground

Board Meeting

30 May 2023

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 15.00 UTC on Tuesday 30 May 2023. Quorum is 5.

Chair: The chair is Matt.

Regrets:

Present: Matt, Rowan, Leo, Dieter, Jo, Luisa, Leiaka

Visiting:

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:
https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board

Remarks

- **Matt to add previous minutes to GitHub**

Financial

Matt added the financial reports for 2022 here:
https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/tree/main/financial/FY2022

Remarks:

- **Matt to add Leo and Rowan to Wave app, if they aren't in there already**

AGM

We held the AGM on Wednesday 26 April. Unfortunately, very few people were present so we had no quorum and were not able to vote on the current board or the proposed change to the tenure of Matt and Dieter. See below.

Remarks:

- **Matt to check with Chance about the feasibility of a bot/workflow agreement when entering a Slack channel for voting. Eg could make #elections2023 channel and get ppl to agree in there, then have an anonymous Polly for elections.**
- **Elections/votes must be:**
  - **Anonymous**
  - **Attached to some identity, eg email or Slack**
  - **Require 'membership' (which itself requires positive action and agreement to uphold CoC and Swung's goals)**
  - **GDPR compliance**

Board

In the AGM we proposed to shrink the board to 7, and perhaps to only 5 after July.

- We need to hold a vote ASAP on the extended tenure of Matt and Dieter.
- After that, our next task is to elect at least 3 board members at elections in June or July. So... we need volunteers. So far: Matteo and Santi.

Remarks:

- **Re-reading the by-laws, the term is three years, but can be voted on to serve another term.**
- **Matt to check with Dieter and Luisa in 2 weeks with respect to finding more people to join the board, preferably while maintaining some diversity.**

Events

Proposed:

- Repro zoo, 26 & 27 August, see
  https://swung.slack.com/archives/C094GV18T/p1682508928998349
- Transform: week of Monday 25 September
  https://swung.slack.com/archives/C094GV18T/p1682600402722009

Remarks:

- **Make the *#transform_2023* channel, and start accepting some nominations!**
- **Curvenote can help out with updating the website**
  - **https://transform.softwareunderground.org/**

- **Need volunteers:**
    - **for "buzz-generation" (slack, social media)**
    - **Hosts for tutorials (6-8 people for hosting a tutorial)**
        - **Starting a zoom, welcome people, keep an eye on the live stream, conclusion and thank you, hosting any questions from online.**

Slack

Couple of things:

- Some spammy job postings lately, please stay tuned
- We switched off channel announcements earlier this year… does anyone miss them?

Remarks:

- **Channel announcements for joining/leaving, we will leave these turned off.**

Any other business

None.

Remarks:

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Parking lot / next meeting

These items will go into the next board meeting(s):

- We still need to update the tech spreadsheet: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mNAGEgQNvfZem5zY38u9etn2O0aFWbE2zJLcMEdiL4Y/edit?usp=sharing

- Check the status of receipt for Swung membership/donations (so it can potentially be deducted / charged to the employer like the membership of other professional societies).

- pyOpenSci is restarting and wants to work with SwUng. Leah Wasser is leading it and on SwUng.